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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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The Santa Susana Field Lab, also known as Rocketdyne, is a former rocket and nuclear reactor test site located in Ventura County just west of the Los Angeles County border. This site was used as a rocket- and nuclear reactor- test site by the U.S. government and various defense contractors from the 1940's through the 1980's. During its decades of operation, the site produced at least one partial nuclear reactor meltdown (in 1959) and released literally tons of toxic and carcinogenic chemicals that have contaminated the soil, water, and air on and near the Rocketdyne property. Further, a growing body of research is revealing a possible connection between proximity to the Rocketdyne site and the prevalence of cancer and other terminal illnesses among local residents.

While scientific studies are ongoing, and various requirements to clean-up the site are currently being considered by State and Federal agencies, it is an obvious and critically important proposition that children and adults should not be allowed to live or play on the site of a nuclear accident, at least until it is remediated to EPA Super Fund standards. Senate Bill 990, introduced by Senator Sheila Kuehl, would enact that basic requirement. This is a fundamental measure to protect public health and safety and it is

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a bill that Los Angeles County should support and that the Legislature and Governor should quickly enact.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors support SB 990, send a five signature letter to our state legislative delegation and the Governor urging their active support of this bill, and instruct the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento to advocate the County's position on this measure.

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